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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 19, 1975

Ms. Lilla M. Hawes
Georgia Historical Society
501 Whitaker Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dear Ms. Hawes:

It was very pleasant talking to you on the telephone about the information I am seeking. I would like to know the date of the opening of the Office of Discount and Deposit in Savannah of the Bank of the United States (first bank). The year is adequate. The Charleston office opened in 1792, the Norfolk office opened in 1795, and I would imagine the Savannah office opened in the 18th century.

I would very much appreciate a xerox copy of the 1775 Georgia colonial note which you have in your collection. If you have any of the Georgia notes issued prior to 1776, I would be interested to know what they are. Somewhere there is a Georgia Sola note dated 1749, the picture of which I have, but the original of which I have never been able to locate. It is issued by the trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia.

I will be grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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March 5, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is a printout from the Savannah newspaper of the beginning of the branch of the U.S. Bank in Savannah. I was unable to find follow-up stories due to inadequacies of the index. I presume it was established in 1793 but where it was located I do not know. It must have been rental property for we have no title card for the Bank of the U.S. Government of that date. I have a vague recollection that I heard or read that the building was destroyed in the great fire of November 26, 1796. I have not confirmed this.

Also enclosed is a copy of the 1775 Georgia note I told you about. We have the following Georgia notes prior to 1775:
5 shillings, 1762 plus one of the same date, in fragments.
6 pence, 1762 - fragments.
1 £, May 7, 1769 - to rebuild Tybee Lighthouse (certificate).
exchange ← 20 shillings, 1773 - 9 notes, plus 1/2 of a note.
5 shillings, 1774.
10 shillings, 1774.
We also have 21 S.C. notes of 1775, varying denominations, and a few of Maryland and Virginia, 1775-76.

Thank you for straightening me out on Thomas Willing. Our card on the Pink House Lot has him listed as Treasurer of U.S. Bank rather than President. I have corrected it.

Sincerely,

Lilla M. Hawes

(Mrs.) Lilla M. Hawes
Director

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 11, 1975

Mrs. Lilla M. Hawes
Georgia Historical Society
501 Whitaker Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hawes:

Thank you so much for your extensive search for the elusive Bank of U. S. office. I will assume it would not have the basis of a meeting without encouragement from Philadelphia.

The picture of the 10 shilling 1775 amused me. It required five signatures. William OBryin signed twice.

Your list of notes gives us the thought that can be mutually helpful. You have a few extra pieces of the 20 shilling 1773 certificates. If you needed some Georgia bills which we have in duplicate, we could exchange. Would you be nice enough to list your Georgia pieces dated from 1775 to 1786 and I think we can improve your collection. Be sure to mention the color of the seal (blue, maroon, green, orange, black, etc.) on the notes.

Also, we would like to know if some of your South Carolina 1775 pieces are dated in April or May. We need to improve our specimen of the £20 of that dating, and you might have a duplicate. We have the £20 June 1, 1775 in fine condition.

Again, I wish to express my appreciation for your prompt and efficient helpfulness. It will be our pleasure to send you a copy of the book.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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May 24, 1976

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am embarrassed about being over a year late in answering your letter of March 11, 1975. It got buried under some other papers and has just come to light. I enclose a copy of it so you will not have to look it up.

We would not consider selling or exchanging any except duplicate Georgia notes, 1775-1786. They are:

1776, 2d issue.	1 Spanish Milled dollar,	blue shield, 2 pieces; one fair, 1 poor.
1776, 4th "	1 " " "	orange " (one faded to a brown color), 4 pieces; 2 good, 2 fair.
1776, 4th "	1 " " "	green shield, 1 single, 1 uncut pair; fair.
1776, " "	2 " " "	orange/red ", 2 pieces; good, 1 fair
1777, June 8	6 Continental "	blue ", 2 " ; 1 " 1 "
1778, May 4	20 dollars	" printed on both sides; Savannah, 4 pieces; 3 fair, 1 poor
	W. Lancaster, 1778	

This Society has the £ 10 Stg., S.C., 1 June, 1775, but we do not have the £ 20 S.C. note of that date. We do not have any dated April or May of that year.

You mentioned that you might be able to improve our collection from some of your duplicates. We are not collecting these notes; just keeping them for illustrative material, exhibits, etc.

Sincerely,

Lilla M. Hawes

(Mrs.) Lilla M. Hawes
Director